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FM RADIO STATION TO UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow to all universities, IITs, IIMs andresidential schools in the country to set up their own FM band radio stations;

(b) if so, whether it is also proposed to charge any license fees for the purpose;

(c) if so, whether any rules/ guidelines have been framed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) The Government has decided to grant Community Broadcasting licenses to well established educational institutions/ organizations recognized by the Central Government or the State Government.These will include the Universities and Institutes of Technology/Management and residential schools.

(b) No license fee is proposed to be charged for the purpose. The licensee will be required to furnish a Bank Guarantee for a sum of Rs.50,000 only, to ensure performance of the license agreement. The licensee will however be required to pay spectrum usage fee, as determined by the Wireless Advisor in WPC Wing of Ministry of Communications.

(c) & (d) A copy of the guidelines is enclosed. These are also available on the Ministry`s website (http://mib.nic.in).